## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Peter S. Mautino et al.

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Mark T. Le

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Railway Car Coupler Knuckle Having

Improved Bearing Surface

Mail Stop: Amendments Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.